

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE BUSY IN 1930

Varied Duties in Addition to Collection of Taxes, J. B. Morse Reports

The following report of the activities of the county treasurer's office during the past year was given to the Waukegan Times, by County Treasurer Jay B. Morse, Dec. 31:

As the year 1930 draws to a close, it is interesting to look back and check over the various activities of the county treasurer's office.

It is a prevalent idea that the only duty of this office is to collect taxes. That is our prime duty, but in addition we have many other accounts.

Let us give a brief summary of the various accounts handled.

We collected during the year in general taxes, \$5,549,999.52 and have distributed the entire amount to the various taxing bodies. In special assessments we collected and turned over to the various cities and villages the sum of \$908,885.96. This amount represents payments in delinquent special assessments, or assessments which were not paid to the city or village office during the month of January and February.

General Fund

In the general county fund we collected from various sources, including general tax and excess fees of the county officials, the sum of \$813,155.94. Of this amount there were disbursements made which totaled \$802,769.65. An item of \$206,000 for tax anticipation warrants and interest was included in the disbursements.

Our State inheritance tax account is perhaps the next largest and during the year we collected on 52 estates the sum of \$344,599.67. Two per cent of this amount was retained as commission for this office, while the balance was transmitted to the state treasurer.

Another very active account is the bond road account. We received \$300,000 from the sale of bonds of the 4th bond issue and we have paid warrants on the 3rd and 4th bond issue which total \$163,000.

From the state motor fuel tax account we received the amount of \$13,020.75, all of which was used to pay interest due August 1 on the 4th bond issue bonds.

Accounts for the non-high school, dog tax, detention home, the state's attorney and for the road maintenance, have also been active.

From the county bond fund we have paid \$212,252.34 for bonds and interest due.

Of the smaller accounts mention may be made of the heirship fund, which includes payments held for unknown or minor heirs, miscellaneous fund, which includes payments made on condemnation suits, back personal property collections and various other items.

The institute fund is also handled by this office, all receipts and disbursements being ordered by the county superintendent of schools. Unclaimed witness fees are also a record of this office.

We are proud of the earnings of our office. After paying all expenses we transferred to the county fund as excess fees, the sum of \$150,000.

This report is respectfully submit-

Lake Co. Forty & Eight Reports Good Year and Excellent Prospects

Lake County Voiture No. 604, of the Forty and Eight has just completed one of its most successful years. This organization is sometimes referred to as the playground of the American Legion. Its members who have performed some outstanding service to the Legion.

In addition to the good times and real fellowship enjoyed by its members, the organization has always taken a profound interest in the child welfare movement, concentrating particularly on the children of disabled ex-service men. Numerous contributions were made during the past year to the state organization to be used in this work.

Under the leadership of Chief de Gare M. Talcott the Voiture increased its membership to a new record—double its previous high mark—and the Voiture now has a membership from nearly every American Legion post in Lake county. A replica of a French boxcar, from which the organization derives its name, was built and made its first appearance at the state convention at Aurora. At this convention the Voiture was again honored when Chef de Gare Talcott was elected a Grand Cheminot of the state.

The newly elected Chef de Gare H. Garnant has already made plans for the new year and the membership will witness its first initiation by its own wrecking crew with new equipment, early in February. Dr. H. E. Ct. Antoine, medical officer in charge at Veterans Bureau hospital No. 105, is in charge of the degree work.

ted with best wishes for the coming year, by

Jay B. Morse,
County Treasurer.

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